



**MINUTES OF FORRES AREA FORUM MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014**

**PRESENT**

<b>Brian McDonald, Chair</b>	<b>John Bremner, Treasurer</b>
<b>Sandra Maclennan, Vice Chair</b>	<b>Councillor Lorna Creswell</b>
<b>Chas Rodger</b>	<b>Debbie Herron</b>
<b>Angela Sutherland</b>	<b>Gary Simpson</b>
<b>Fabio Villani</b>	<b>Terry Monaghan</b>
<b>Naomi Zair</b>	<b>Tina Coffey, Minutes</b>

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
1. Welcome from Chair	Brian McDonald welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.	
2. Apologies	Apologies were received from Gill Bird and Andrew Anderson.	
3. Minute of FAF Meeting held in August 2014	There was one amendment: Under AOB Naomi Zair has stepped down from the position of Chair of the Forres BALL Group. Irene Weedon, The Moray Council (TMC) has assigned Wendy Strachan, TMC, to give the Forres BALL Group some assistance. The minutes were proposed by John Bremner and seconded by Chas Rodger.	
4. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Lorna Creswell contacted Ruth Whitfield who had sent an email re the grant form to the Treasurer but he did not receive this. The fuel buying group had decided that they could finance their own expenditure from savings received.</li> <li>• The Moray Speyside branding guidelines have been circulated.</li> </ul>	
5. Treasurers Report	Current balance stands at £4,264.46 which includes £2.90 left to spend of MTP money and £276 for insurance. There were 2 cheques cashed: £50 for secretarial duties and £78.25 to the Chair for travel expenses. Chair asked those present what they thought about using FAF money for other purposes – upcoming event on 2 <sup>nd</sup> October a FAF leaflet is needed to give out which should summarise what FAF does, suggestion that a half page ad in the Gazette could be	

	<p>expensive but an article in the paper may have the same effect. It was proposed that £300 is set aside and spent on the purchase of pop-up banners/display stands – this to be investigated. Big Sky is to be approached with regard to printing leaflets.</p> <p>Any suggestions or ideas to be included in the leaflet are to be emailed to the Chair.</p> <p>Refreshments for the event on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 are to be purchased by the Vice Chair and receipts given to the Treasurer.</p>	<p>All FAF members</p> <p>SM/JB</p>
Tea & Coffee	<p>No longer provided, Forres House Community Centre will only provide cups and hot water at a cost of 50p per cup. Vice Chair offered to bring flasks containing tea and coffee to the next meeting. Disposable cups to be purchased for FAF meetings, receipts to be handed to Treasurer.</p>	<p>SM</p>
6. Moray Towns Partnership (MTP)	<p>Vice Chair attended the last MTP meeting and brought back information in connection with a joint leaflet in participation with other Moray towns. Cameron Taylor is designing the leaflets with input from each of the towns, there is a cost per Area Forum of £500 which is for the printing and distribution by Land Mark of 20,000 leaflets. Forres website - used a lot and recently revamped, website address to be used on the MTP leaflet – Debbie Herron suggested all present take a look and give their feedback to her at FACT, website is available at <a href="http://www.forresweb.net/communitys.html">http://www.forresweb.net/communitys.html</a></p> <p>Board voted to contribute money towards the leaflets. Secretary to contact Alan Macbeth, The Moray Council (TMC) so that funds can be deducted from MTP money.</p> <p>Sandra McIver is interested in Forres having its own leaflet and would like to pursue the matter further. Debbie Herron has had a lot of meetings with the Town Centre Working Group (TCWG) who have set up a sub committee to have a coherent across the board leaflet which is recognisably Forres and also matches other leaflets in circulation. Sub group are to come back to FAF when they have a proposal – there is a potential advertising opportunity (one price with every business having the same amount of representation) with a contribution towards the final leaflet from shops in Forres. The TCWG will come back to FAF in November with costings and if they need support from Visit Scotland.</p> <p>Tolbooth information point now closed – suggestion to turn it into a wifi hot spot, other information point in Buckie. Suggestion that a wifi booster could be placed on top of the Tolbooth. Buckie wifi point costs around £5,000 for a 5 year contract including all maintenance. TCWG pursuing use and availability of wifi in Forres. Mi Moray – unanimously agreed to drop this item as nobody wanted to be part of it.</p> <p>Pedestrian count - health check to be undertaken and volunteers available to do the check.</p> <p>Buckie looking at putting in free wifi for the High Street, to be put on top of the CCTV – free wifi access to cafes and shops within 2 street radius and Keith are having the same idea.</p> <p>Future funding – MTP money runs out at the end of March 2015 – Alan Macbeth been asked to discuss with his managers and report back at the next meeting to see about further funding – have to wait for an answer.</p> <p>Have a Moray Christmas - Alan Macbeth to find out more and</p>	<p>TC</p>

	report back.	
7. Consultations	<p>Statutory Review of Polling Places and Polling Districts 2014 - closing date 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014 – to report back after 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014, FAF experience of voting</p> <p>Creative Connections</p> <p>Sports and Leisure Review – meeting to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> September in Forres Academy</p> <p>Lossie Local – Lossiemouth local magazine Nicky Slater who produces this would like to create a Forres equivalent. Quarterly issue 4,000 printed copies of which 3,000 to be delivered by a community group who would receive a £350 donation – she always aims to donate £200 per edition to community groups/good causes - refer this on to youth groups, Gary Simpson, TMC re distribution. Boards decision is Nicky Slater to come back to FAF when she has enough advertisers for an edition to be printed – Chair to contact Nicky Slater</p> <p>First Scottish Rural Parliament to be held in Oban 6 – 8 November 2014 – series of regional meetings to have local discussions to help inform the agenda for this meeting – Moray meeting co-facilitated by tsiMoray to be held in the Inkwell on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2014 from 6 – 9 pm</p> <p>Yes/No independence vote to take place on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014</p> <p>Upcoming consultation on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2014 - families with under 8's – Action 4 Children undertaking survey work</p>	BM
8. Forres Area Community Trust (FACT)	<p>Debbie Herron attended a public meeting - Forres Communities Activities Association – to discuss Scottish week from 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015 – next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014 in the Tolbooth. Suggestions from previous meetings include town walks, golf, concert for young people in Grant Park on Saturday, Toun Mercat on Friday - dates still to be firmed up</p> <p>Volunteers required as marshals and litter pickers – opportunities to participate</p>	
9. Community Engagement	<p>Spirit of Community event, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 in the Town Hall Forres, 6.30 – 9.30 pm – Debbie Herron, Suzie Gentle from Age Scotland and Lorna Creswell have met, last meeting there were 15 in attendance with representatives from FAF, FACT, Findhorn and Kinloss Community Council (FKCC) and Forres Community Council (FCC). Draft invite circulated 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2014 using contacts list compiled by FAF in 2013 together with other known groups. Idea is to get folk to discuss issues together with a facilitator for each table and using the Strengths, Opportunities Aspirations and Results (SOAR) model. Sandra Maclennan and Mo Hyde are to take on catering duties with FAF paying for and providing refreshments during the evening. Receipts to be handed to the Treasurer.</p>	
10. Round the Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chas Rodger – attended Common Good presentation – found it interesting and informative - hard to work out what is common good land due to incomplete records.</li> <li>• John Bremner - 20<sup>th</sup> September 2014 in Lhanbryde Community Centre from 10 am to 1 pm lunch provided, Transport Forum – transport, mostly medical transport to be discussed – would like a contingent from Forres to attend open to anyone. Fabio Villani proposed FAF pay for co-ordinated transport to attend the meeting seconded by</li> </ul>	

	<p>Councillor Lorna Creswell all present in agreement. Petrol receipts to be handed to the Treasurer for refund of costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fabio Villani – tsiMoray AGM on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014, 7pm at the Inkwell. Provisional dates for Health and Wellbeing in the Community - 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 1 pm venue tbc. Children and Young People third sector forum on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 from 10 am to 12 midday – lunch provided and social media training in the afternoon – Marc Hindley to deliver training.</li> <li>• Sandra Maclennan – Bank of Scotland Community Fund – Forres in Bloom (FiB) applied for funding of £3,000, through the first round and into the second round relying on people voting details on how to vote in the Forres Gazette. Email received from Adrian Hutchison a litter pick to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014 meeting at Fleurs to undertake a litter pick of a section of the Mosset</li> <li>• Lorna Creswell – Scouts AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 3 pm at the Bank Lane scout hut Age Scotland gave their 6 monthly update to members of the public in the Mosset on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 Chris Hall – to talk to members of the public re transport Learning Disability partnership meeting 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014 to be held in the Elgin library Keith Community Radio – can be used to publicise events</li> <li>• Berry Burn Wind farm launch on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at the Knockomie Hotel – applications being received from September 2014 for tranches for money (£40,000 each tranche) applications out in September New young person on the Community Council – looking for more people</li> <li>• Gary Simpson – Macbeth the Remix coming up, 25<sup>th</sup> September dress rehearsal and main event takes place from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September at Brodie. Various groups are operating the car parking (Youth Group, Rotary and Forres in Bloom) and monies collected will be kept by the group running the car park that night. Support needed and members of the public are encouraged to attend. Forres House Community Centre open day for young people on 26<sup>th</sup> September put on by Findhorn Bay Arts (FBA) – free of charge taster sessions and free shuttle bus – contact FBA for shuttle bus information.</li> <li>• Debbie Herron – FBA successfully applied for funding from Creative Scotland to undertake work with young people which is called the Ignite Programme – a steering group has been set up and is to meet shortly, based across Moray.</li> <li>• Tina Coffey - £100,000 Litter and Fly Tipping Community Action Fund – applications are invited from community groups to help tackle litter, closing date for applications 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014, Secretary to email on to Adrian Hutchins</li> <li>• Brian McDonald – Creative Moray in Forres, Coming Together event to be held in Tolbooth on 9<sup>th</sup> September starting at 7 pm. Chair, Lorna Creswell and Sandra</li> </ul>	TC
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	<p>Maclennan to appear – UHI student trying to achieve masters degree by putting on an event and has to connect with the community, the theme is environment and music – first meeting 5 – 6 weeks ago and each week since. Tuesday night in the Tolbooth and Thursday night at the Bishops Palace – combination of dance, poetry, music and dialogue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FBA – 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September 2014.</li> </ul>	
11. Councillors	<p>Councillor Lorna Creswell stated an Osprey bus had been ordered and logo chosen as soon as this is on the bus it will be on the road as soon as possible. Recruits are needed. November 2014 next time to apply for money from posties fund. Coffee bar franchise in Forres and at the Elgin library, to be advertised during September.</p>	
12. AOB	None	
13. Date of Next Meeting	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2014, 7 pm in the Forres House Community Centre.	